GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DRINKING WATER PROJECTS IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The details of drinking water projects being implemented with foreign assistance in Kerala;

(b) Whether the Union Government has received any new proposal pertaining to World Bank assistance for supply of drinking water in Kerala; and

(c) if so, the action taken/ being taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)
(a): Kerala Government has been implementing World Bank assisted Kerala Rural Water and Sanitation Project since November, 2000. The project was closed on 30.9.2008. However, Government of Kerala has sought extension of the project period up to 31.3.2009 for completing the on-going schemes, which has been recommended. The State Government also implements Kerala Sustainable Urban Development Project since December, 2006 aided by Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Kochi, Kollam, Kozhikode, Thiruvananthapuram and Thrissur Municipal Corporations and 53 towns. The project is expected to be completed by June, 2012. In the wake of Tsunami, ADB funded Tsunami Emergency Assistance (sector) Project has been approved w.e.f. 1.6.2005 for implementation in Tsunami-affected areas of Tamil Nadu and Kerala. The closing date of the project has been extended to 31.10.2009. Kerala has also been implementing Urban Water Supply Project for Thiruvananthapuram, Kozhikode, Pattuvam, Meenad, Cherthala and adjoining villages with financial assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan. The project was signed in June, 1997 but the execution commenced in 2003 and is likely to be completed by December, 2010.
(b) & (c): The Government of Kerala has sent a follow-on project of Kerala Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency costing Rs.1,200 crore to be implemented during 2008- 2013 with World Bank assistance, which has been posed to the World Bank for assistance in November, 2008